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"Loud noise" complaint leads to arrest of Elba man on multiple charges, including drug offenses

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A complaint of loud noise to the Elba Police Department last week eventually led to the arrest of an Elba man on multiple charges.

Police Chief Freddy Hanchey said officers were investigating a complaint of loud noise on Lee Street when they discovered evidence of other offenses.

"Citizens reporting things like this loud noise complaint, suspicious activity and/or persons can many times lead to the arrests for other, more serious, activities," Hanchey said. "This is why it is important for citizens to let us know when suspicious things are taking place in their neighborhoods."

Hanchey said the suspect was charged with violating the city's noise ordinance from this complaint. However, he also was charged with several other crimes that led to his arrest.

**Coffee County Schools rates overall "B" on state report card**

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Board of Education meeting Thursday evening, Feb. 1, Superintendent Terry Weeks briefly discussed the system/school Report Card from the Alabama State Department of Education in which information had been made public earlier that day.

Weeks said the figures and numbers for the Report Card were based on information from the 2016 school year. He also compared this to numbers the system/schools is seeing from 2017 to give the board an idea of where things are headed with future reports.

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During Coffee County BOE meeting held Thursday, Feb. 1st

**New Brockton students deliver technology infusion presentations**

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Several elementary and high school students from New Brockton attended the Coffee County Board of Education meeting held Thursday evening, Feb. 1, and they participated in the meeting through a Technology Infusion presentation.

A few months back, the board entertained presentations from students from Zion Chapel and Kinston in regards to how technology is changing the classroom. Last Thursday night, the technology infusion presentation went even further when the New Brockton students made it interactive.

Technology coordinator Heatherly Smith said the interactive presentation was to show the board exactly how the teachers and students are infusing technology provided to them in the classroom via Chrome books and various programs.

New Brockton second grade teacher Joni Jones was joined by two of her students, Ariana Smith and Ella Kate McPhaul. They discussed several different programs the students are able to utilize via the Chrome books for vocabulary, math, etc.

Sixth grade teacher Lisa



New Brockton Elementary teacher Joni Jones is shown with two of her second grade students, Ariana Smith and Ella Kate McPhaul, discussing various ways they infuse technology into the classroom. This was part of a large presentation made to board members on technology infusion by New Brockton elementary and high school students last Thursday evening.

Murphy was joined by students Joshua Gutierrez and Katie French. They had a very in-depth presentation regarding the programs



**FIRE DESTROYS HOME...** The Elba Fire Department responded Saturday evening, Feb. 2, to this structure fire at 14602 Hwy. 87 S, the home of Betty Coon of Elba. Firefighters were on scene several hours Saturday night battling this massive blaze, and Elba received mutual aide from New Brockton firefighters. The home was a total loss, but fortunately, everyone at the residence reportedly got out of the house without injury. It appears an electrical issue may have started this house fire, but family members said earlier this week they were still awaiting the official word.

## News Brief:

Elba Police investigated a report of a break-in of an occupied dwelling last week, and that investigation led to the arrest of an Elba woman.

Police Chief Freddy Hanchey said this investigation led to the arrest of Shunta Sams, age 36, of Jackson St., Elba. She was charged with burglary – second degree.

**Elba ranks an overall "B" on state's prototype report card**

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The state department of education released numbers on its prototype [first model] for the new report card system to evaluate schools.

"This thing is brand new," said Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley. "Nobody knew what to expect. I was actually excited [with our standings] when I saw where everybody around us placed as well."

Most schools/systems in the Wiregrass area scored an overall B on the report card, and some had a C.

The Elba School System was among those rating a B for this prototype report card.

"It is important to remember it is still a prototype," Moseley said. "They [state department] know

there are going to be changes to it."

He said making changes to the prototype is inevitable due to a few factors.

The Elba superintendent said the report card is something that has been a main topic for superintendents across the state ever since the state began working on it. He said there are things the state did with this prototype that officials know the superintendents across the state do not agree with how things are being calculated, and that in itself makes way for some changes to be made to make this report card system better for everyone.

"It's our grade [Elba's B], but it is a prototype," Moseley said. "It does give us a starting point on things, however."

Moseley said the biggest question across the state is

the growth component of the report card. He said as leaders in the school systems, superintendents and principals

super excited to see the academic growth number for Elba High School, which was above the state average. He said out of a possible 30 percent

rating, the high school got 26.83 in academic growth.

"As educators, we want achievement and growth to go up," Moseley said.

"But, we are here for the whole student [not just the areas rated in the report card system]."

Another area Moseley said superintendents would like to see change from the prototype report card is the absenteeism category.

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## Registration now underway for youth baseball, softball and t-ball in Elba

Registration is underway for the youth baseball and softball [and T-Ball] season for the Elba Parks and Recreation.

Registration ends Thursday, Feb. 15th. The cost is \$35 per participant [\$55 for 2 and \$70 for 3 or

more participants].

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## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Lord, keep Your arm around my shoulder and Your hand over my mouth." - Unknown

Natalie Wood, beautiful Natalie Wood, thinking of her still makes us swoon all these years after the tragic death of this talented movie star. The amazing thing about her death is that law enforcement officers are still investigating her drowning. It is no longer called "accidental" and is now officially "undetermined". We never wanted to believe the stories surrounding her drowning (or even her being gone). However there is no need to slander living beings without some good evidence, just to avenge her death. It will not bring her back and could ruin the lives of innocent people. The lone positive we get from her dying as a young woman is that anyone with a memory of Natalie has a mental picture of a pretty woman with a beautiful smile . . . who was a wonderful actress.

We recently read some challenging rules for a happy marriage. They are reproduced here for those of you who may need them as much as yours truly does. Actually we do alright in a few of the "top ten" and are well into our second fifty years of marriage but suspect there are some improvements that could be considered insurance. One in the area that can use improvement on our part is the idea of letting your spouse win an argument . . . well IF she is right!

Rev. Jay Tenney, pastor of Tunnel Hill, (Ga) Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church with advice on getting married and staying married -

## Tenney's Top Ten Rules for a Happy Marriage

10. Never yell at each other unless the house is on fire.
9. If one of you has to win an argument, let it be your spouse.
8. Never bring up mistakes from the past.
7. If you have to criticize, do it lovingly.
6. Find ways to bless your spouse every day.
5. Whenever you are with your spouse, be all there.
4. Compliment your spouse in front of others.
3. When you screw up, admit it, ask for forgiveness and move on.
2. Factor in time to simply have fun together.
1. Keep God in the center of your relationship.

The folks in Washington are again talking about a big push to follow up on a campaign promise by then presidential candidate Donald Trump. He correctly noted the need for a massive spending on infrastructure upgrades, all across the USA and Americans seemed to agree. Now the problem is how to fund this trillion-dollar dream. The initial answer is the Highway Trust Fund but therein lies a problem. Even at the present spending rates that pile of gasoline tax money will be gone by as early as 2020, even without the added spending. Part of the problem there is that lawmakers have found ways to spend money from the gasoline tax for things other than highways - some say as much as 25% annually is on pet projects! About the only answer is added gasoline (or something) taxes. Long range that idea has a flaw in the massive predicted increase in electric cars that don't use gasoline, and thus no gasoline tax. It would take something like a "mileage tax", based on the numbers taken annually from the automobile mileage recording itself at tag buying time. That will take lots of selling to keep from being dead before it starts. Even if mileage taxing gets into the talking stages, expect the electric car folks to mount a massive, and expensive, lobbying effort to kill the proposal.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Jan. 29, investigated the following incidents: two for domestic violence, one theft, one criminal mischief, one vehicle accident, one animal cruelty, one burglary, one arson, two for possession of marijuana, one for receiving stolen property, one found property, one robbery, one fraudulent check, and one criminal trespassing.

Arrests made during the week included: two for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for burglary, two for possession of marijuana, one for receiving stolen property, one for possession of a pistol without a permit, one for failure to appear, and one for theft of property.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: one for a revoked driver's license, one for loud music, one for not using a seat belt, one for no insurance, three for an expired tag, and one for not using a child restraint.

MONDAY, JAN. 29 - Domestic disturbance reported at 1511 Powell Dr. (6:02 a.m.); Domestic (verbal) reported at 105 Champ McCollough Dr. (10:11 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 28842 Hwy. 167 (10:20 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1792 Highland Dr. (1:03 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at 11238 Hwy. 87 (1:41 p.m.); Minor 2-vehicle wreck

## Roby kicks off 2018 campaign with war chest

U.S. Representative Martha Roby (R-AL), who is running for reelection in Alabama's Second Congressional District, raised \$826,000 in 2017, according to the campaign's Federal Election Committee (FEC) year-end report released today.

The impressive numbers in this report position her campaign well for the 2018 election season and put her on pace to raise more than \$1 million before the Republican primary.

Roby raised \$236,000 in the fourth quarter of 2017,

which is generally considered a slow fundraising period in an off-cycle year. She enters the election year with \$568,000 cash-on-hand.

"I'm so grateful for the support and encouragement I've received in the district and appreciate the opportunity to share our conservative message across AL-02 during this campaign," Representative Roby said. "Our team is energized, and these solid fundraising numbers give us the resources we need to hit the ground running and have a strong political operation in 2018."

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**FRIDAY, FEB. 2 -** Domestic violence reported at 967 Carver Dr. (5:26 p.m.); Domestic (verbal) reported at the Elba Travel Center (7:47 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 417 Cordelia Ave. N (9:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1618 County Rd. 249 (9:52 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 22941 Hwy. 87 (2:07 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a vehicle fire at 3 Hwy. 84 access road (4:50 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, FEB. 3 -** Domestic disturbance reported at Beaver Dam Apts., C6 (9:39 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a house fire at 14602 Hwy. 87 S (5:32 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 775 Claxton Ave. (5:35 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the house fire on Hwy. 87 S (5:35 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 1013 Hickman Ave. (9:46 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 628 Claxton Ave. (9:59 p.m.); Attempted burglary reported at 1285 Ann St. (11:01 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31 -** Elba Fire Department dispatched to a brush fire on Old Samson Rd. (10:30 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 585 E. Davis St. (1:31 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, FEB. 1 -** Elba Fire Department and Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on County Rd. 401 (6:02 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 1520 Highland Dr. (7:01 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1520 Highland Dr. (7:03 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1248 Jones

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**SUNDAY, FEB. 4 -** Coffee County EMS dispatched to 10306 Hwy. 189 (4:05 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 820 County Rd. 423 (12:28 p.m.).

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## The Future Belongs to the Brave

The truth is the Alabama of today is one that our grandparents wouldn't recognize. For more than two decades, Alabama has been landing one significant economic development project after another, transforming the state into an epicenter for the aerospace, automotive, and defense industries.

Companies looking where to locate are attracted to our state's business-friendly labor policies and focus on workforce development. Alabama's right-to-work status has been a tremendous advantage, as Alabama is one of only 11 states that has constitutionally protected the right to work.

However, the recent U.S. Senate special election and the spotlight it shone on Alabama threatened to bring the advancements of the last 25 years to a screeching halt. The Republican candidate, Roy Moore, with a knack for incendiary comments, made him - and Alabama - fodder for national news and international attention.

Alabama U.S. Senator Richard Shelby announced publicly that while not voting for the Democratic candidate, he would be writing in a "distinguished Republican." Now, supporters of Judge Moore are blaming Senator Shelby - and not their candidate - for the lopsided loss. With financing from an out-of-state investor, Moore supporters are seeking to have Senator Shelby censured by the Alabama Republican Party.

The Business Council of Alabama and its leadership will mobilize and energize the business community to oppose all efforts to adopt this negative resolution that works against the business community, the economic well-being of Alabama, and our No. 1 advocate in Washington, D.C. - Senator Richard Shelby.

I have publicly urged the Republican Party to adopt a resolution that commends Senator Shelby for his service to Alabama. If you look at the economic development projects in Alabama, there is one constant: Senator Richard Shelby. He deserves better than a fringe element of the GOP attacking him by not telling the truth - seeking revenge for their losing

campaign.

The recent announcements of Montgomery landing the F-35 Lightning mission and Huntsville gaining the joint Toyota-Mazda facility goes to Senator Shelby and his unwavering courage and leadership to stand his ground for Alabama. In my opinion, without his principled stand, the Toyota-Mazda plant would have gone to North Carolina - especially if Mr. Moore had been elected.

William J. Canary is the president and CEO of the Business Council of Alabama

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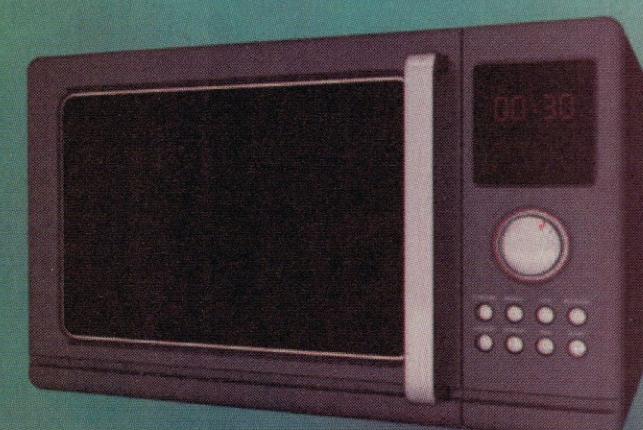
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# Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly at [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)**BARBARA FAYE STINSON**

Ms. Barbara Faye Stinson, age 60, of Andalusia, Ala., died Monday, Jan. 29, 2018.

Memorial services were held Feb. 1, 2018 from the chapel of Sorrells Funeral Home & Crematory in Enterprise with Brother Bryan Sawyer, pastor of Fairview Baptist Church, officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Fairview Baptist Church, 3159 Highway 87, Samson, AL 36477.

Barbara was born June 8, 1957, in Opp, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her father, Clifford Stinson; her mother, JoAnn Blackmon; and grandparents, Clyatt and Barbara Snow.

Survivors include her **dad**: Braxton Blackmon, Elba; two **sisters**: Donna Hataway (Malcom), Elba and Gail Blackmon, Opp; **brother**: Tim Blackmon (Janet), Elba; four **nieces and nephews**: Brandy Chamblee, Bradley and Avery Hataway, and Jake Blackmon.

**DAVID ARTHUR "DAVE" LOGAN**

Mr. David Arthur "Dave" Logan, age 84, died at home on the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018, surrounded by his family.

Dave was born to Ruth and Virgil Logan in Dallas City, Illinois, on December 27, 1933. He married his high school sweetheart, Norma Harris, on April 20, 1952. After serving in the U.S. Marines, he held executive positions at Fruehauf Trailers, Dyna-Truck Division, and Dorsey Trailers.

Dave and Norma finally settled in Minden, La. in the early 1980s, where he eventually owned and operated Dunham Manufacturing/ Log Hog Manufacturing.

A memorial service was held Feb. 3, 2018 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, La., with Brother Bill Crider officiating. The family asked that memorial donations be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital, Memphis, TN.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Ruth Elma Nicol Clark and Virgil Lloyd Logan; his grandchildren, William Troy "T-Roy" Waters and Seth Harris Collier; and his sister, Virginia "Jean" Kukuk.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years: Norma Carol Harris Logan; sons: David Michael Logan (wife Leslie), Curtis Marc Logan (wife Paula); **daughters**: Nancy Logan Waters (husband Bill), Lori Logan Collier (husband Clive), Robin Elaine Logan (fiancée Keith); **brothers**: Gerald "Jerry" Logan (wife Mary), Robert "Bob" Logan; **sister**: Constance "Connie" Logan Ferrell; **brother-in-law**: Donald Harris; his **grandchildren**: David Barton Waters (wife Carlie), Holly Waters Mehret (husband Joseph), Schuyler Logan Collier (wife Courtney), Caroline Collier Roy (husband Justin), Elise Logan Archie (husband Will), Paul Lucas Logan (wife Erin), and Christopher Ryan "Kit" Logan; **great-grandchildren**: McKenzie Archie, Hayden Archie, Shepherd Roy and Henry "Hank" Mehrer.

**JAMES ROY FULLER**

Dr. James Roy Fuller, age 80, a resident of Prattville, Ala., died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018.

Funeral services were held Feb. 3, 2018 at Millbrook Church of the Nazarene. Burial followed in Prattville Memory Gardens with Prattville Memorial directing. The family requests memorial

donations be made to Nazarene Church planting efforts in Italy to honor Roy's passion for missions. <https://give.nazarene.org/fund/italychurchplant>

Roy was born in Union Springs, Ala. He is a 1955 graduate of Elba High School and of Trevecca Nazarene College (1959). In 1997 he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Trevecca.

He was a minister in the Church of the Nazarene for 58 years, serving as pastor in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Gadsden, Ala., and Panama City, Fla. He served as District Superintendent for 39 years on four districts: Italy, Quebec, Pittsburgh and Alabama South.

Dr. Fuller was preceded in death by his wife, Nina Sue (Schofield) Fuller; son, Stephen Paul Fuller; parents, C. E. and Katie Lee Fuller; a sister, Juanita Lindsey; and brothers, Gene Fuller and Jerry Fuller.

Survivors include his **husband**: Gerald Bryant Sr., Geneva; **daughter**: Tina Magwood, Elba; three sons: Gary Bryant, Elba, James Edward Bryant, Travelers Rest, SC, and Gerald Bryant Jr. (Angel), Geneva; five **grandsons**: Stephen Magwood (Karizmah), Elba, Jason Bryant (Kayla), Jacob Bryant (Amanda), Jeremiah Bryant, all of Travelers Rest, SC, and Daniel Bryant, Geneva; three **granddaughters**: Venecia Magwood, Marietta, Ga., Deanna Bryant, Geneva, and Tanisha Johnson, Elba; her **great-grandchildren**: five **brothers**: Dock Johnson (Brenda), Mack Johnson (Ann), Pete Johnson (Felicia), Fred Johnson, and Michael Johnson (Tracy), and two **sisters**: Dorothy Johnson (Quinton), and Peggy Johnson, all of Elba; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**HELEN COX FARRIS**

Mrs. Helen Cox Farris, age 80, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018, at her home.

Funeral services were held Feb. 3, 2018 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Fred Boyett officiating. Burial followed in the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Mrs. Farris was preceded in death by her parents, Ruthie Dell Cox and Charles Bradley Cox; her husbands, Buck Deal and Charles Farris; a son, Van Deal; and siblings, Charles Cox, James Cox, Roy Cox, Elanor Daughtry, and Sue Boyett.

Survivors include her **sons**: Steve (Gwen) Deal, Elba, Ala., Boyd (Leah) Deal, Arinton, Ala., Tracy (Kim) Deal, Banks, Ala.; **daughter**: Marty (Mabry Sr.) Cook, Dadeville, Ala.; a **sister**: Linda Johnson, Montgomery, Ala.; along with six **grandchildren** and three **great-grandchildren**.

**BOBBY HAROLD ROBERTS**

Mr. Bobby Harold Roberts, age 84, a resident of New Brockton, Ala., died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Feb. 7, 2018, at 2 p.m., from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba. Burial followed in the New Brockton City Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

The family requests those wishing to make memorials do so to the New Brockton City Cemetery Fund, c/o The First Baptist Church of New Brockton, PO Box 309, New Brockton, Alabama 36351.

Survivors include his **wife**: Peggy Roberts, **daughter**: Vicki (Greg) Hollis, and **son**: Keith (Debbie) Roberts, all of New Brockton; a **brother**: Fred Roberts, Placerville, Calif.; four **grandchildren** and four **great-grandchildren**.

**CASSIE ANN BRYANT**

Mrs. Cassie Ann Bryant, age 70, of Geneva, Ala., died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, at her daughter's residence in Elba, Ala., following an extended illness.

Funeral services were held Feb. 6, 2018 in the chapel of Pittman Funeral Home in Samson, Ala., with Rev. Kenneth Hagler officiating. Burial followed in the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery with Pittman Funeral Home of Samson directing.

Mrs. Bryant was born in Coffee County, Ala. on August 19, 1947, to the late Allen and Zadie Johnson. Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Terry Bryant; and a daughter, Lilly Ann Bryant.

Survivors include her **husband**: Gerald Bryant Sr., Geneva; **daughter**: Tina Magwood, Elba; three sons: Gary Bryant, Elba, James Edward Bryant, Travelers Rest, SC, and Gerald Bryant Jr. (Angel), Geneva; five **grandsons**: Stephen Magwood (Karizmah), Elba, Jason Bryant (Kayla), Jacob Bryant (Amanda), Jeremiah Bryant, all of Travelers Rest, SC, and Daniel Bryant, Geneva; three **granddaughters**: Venecia Magwood, Marietta, Ga., Deanna Bryant, Geneva, and Tanisha Johnson, Elba; her **great-grandchildren**: five **brothers**: Dock Johnson (Brenda), Mack Johnson (Ann), Pete Johnson (Felicia), Fred Johnson, and Michael Johnson (Tracy), and two **sisters**: Dorothy Johnson (Quinton), and Peggy Johnson, all of Elba; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**VERMA GOODSON LOTT**

Mrs. Verma Goodson Lott, age 93, of Brundidge, Ala., died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, in Ellwood, Ga.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, February 11, 2018, at 2 p.m., at St. John Baptist Church with Rev. W.O. Sanders, Rev. Avery Walker and Rev. Mack King officiating. She will lie in state for one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow in the St. John Cemetery with Dillard Funeral Home of Brundidge directing.

Visitation will be held Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, from 5 until 7 p.m. at Dillard Funeral Home in Brundidge.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Douglas Lott.

**NOTICE:**

Coffee County highway officials remind motorists that County Road 215 will be closed [for approximately three months] for bridge construction over Shoal Creek.

The area will be closed between County Road 217 and County Road 207.

The construction work began Monday, Feb. 5th.

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**Registration & Picture Day for Miss Elba****Pageants set for Saturday, April 7, 2018**

The 2018 Miss Elba Pageants registration and picture day is set for Saturday, April 7, at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, 329 Putnam Street in Elba.

Contestants must register and turn in entry fee by Saturday, April 7, in order to participate in this year's pageants.

Registration at 3 p.m. will be for Future Little Miss [5-6 years]; Little Miss [7-10 years]; and Miss [11-14 years].

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# LIFESTYLES

## Pre-registration underway for Elba's Pre-K program

Elba City Schools First Class Pre-K program is preparing for another exciting school year! Pre-registration is underway now until March 15th.

The school is accepting online pre-registration applications for 2018-2019 school year (for assistance with accessing online application contact Elba City Schools Pre-K Program office at 334-897-2814). Internet access for registration is provided at Elba Elementary School Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. There also will be a night session available for parents on Thursday, Feb. 22, from 5:30 until 7 p.m.

Enrollment is open to all children age 4 [on or before Sept. 2, 2018] who are residents of the state of Alabama (children who are eligible for Kindergarten are ineligible). Enrollees must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate (may be uploaded into the online pre-registration site or submitted directly to Elba Elementary School Pre-K program office). Enrollees must provide proof of residence—either a current utility bill or copy of a lease or mortgage (may be uploaded into the online

Acceptance is strictly through random drawing to be held Friday, March 16. Parent/Guardian does not have to be present at drawing.

Notices will be emailed beginning Monday, April 16.

## University of Alabama vessel sticker now available to Alabama boat owners

The state of Alabama is now offering University of Alabama collegiate vessel stickers to boat owners.

The new vessel sticker became available in January, and proceeds from the purchases will be used to fund scholarships at UA.

Following years of success with UA car tags, the alumni association first looked to expand to motorcycle tags. On June 8, 2015, the UA Collegiate Tag Motorcycle Bill was

passed, and the state started selling motorcycle tags in early 2016.

According to David Wilson, director of alumni funds with the UA National Alumni Association, UA car and motorcycle tags will raise around \$5 million in scholarship assistance this year.

"For many years, UA supporters have displayed the tag with pride on the back of their cars and motorcycles," said Wilson. "Now they get to transfer that pride to our lakes and oceans."

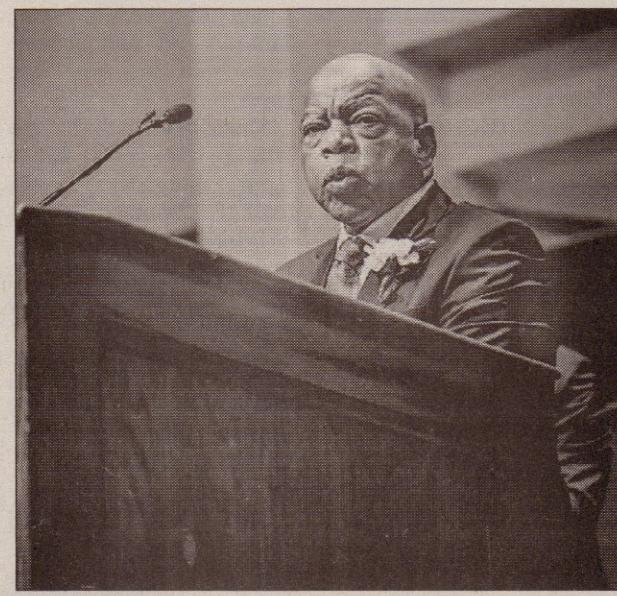
The vessel sticker will cost \$50 above the normal registration charges and is available for purchase at county Department of Revenue offices.

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**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER APPRECIATION MONTH** ...Coffee County Schools superintendent Terry Weeks noted last Thursday, Feb. 1, during the board's monthly meeting that January was School Board Member Appreciation Month. He said this was a good time to salute the work of board members. Weeks thanked each of the Coffee County school board members for their dedication to the schools, and he presented each with a certificate of appreciation. Above, Weeks (left) presents a certificate of appreciation to board member Galen McWaters.



**Rep. John Lewis spoke Friday, Feb. 2, at the Leadership Conference Celebrating African American History Month at Troy University.** He said it is incumbent on Americans to do all in their power to ensure that young people in this country receive the best possible education.

## Congressman says education key to unlocking path forward during Black History Leadership Conference in Troy

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Speaking to the Leadership Conference Celebrating African American History Month at Troy University, Lewis called education the key to unlocking the best possible future for the nation.

"We must see that all of our young people receive the best education possible for it is our young people that will lead us," he said. "It is our young people who will get us to the point where we can redeem the soul of America and create that beloved community where we lay down the burden of race. We can do it, and we will do it."

Lewis said Americans must go forward together, learning to live together. "We must learn to live together as brothers and sisters, if not, as Dr. King suggested, we will perish as fools," he said. "We have to look after each other and take care of each other, and we must never, ever give up on each other. It doesn't matter if we are black or white, Latino American, Asian American or Native American, we are all one people, one family. We all live in the same house, and it is not just an American house, but it is a world house. We must never hate for, as Dr. King stated, hate is much too heavy a burden to bear."

Lewis encouraged the audience to be willing to stand up, speak up and speak out to bring about an end to injustice.

"When you see something that isn't fair, isn't right or just, you have a moral obligation to stand up and say and do something," he said. "You must not be quiet. Leaders must be the headlights and not

## Tribute Concert set for Feb. 13th Coffee County Arts Alliance brings "MJ Live" back to Enterprise, Ala.

The Coffee County Arts Alliance is set to present MJ Live – A Michael Jackson Tribute Concert [The King of Pop] on Tuesday evening, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m., at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center in Enterprise, Ala.

Michael Jackson was not merely the biggest pop star of his era, shaping the sound and style of the 70s and 80s. He was one of the defining stars of the 20th century, a musician who changed American culture.

Relive the energy, excitement, spectacle and pure joy of legendary superstar Michael Jackson and his music as portrayed by Jalles Franca.

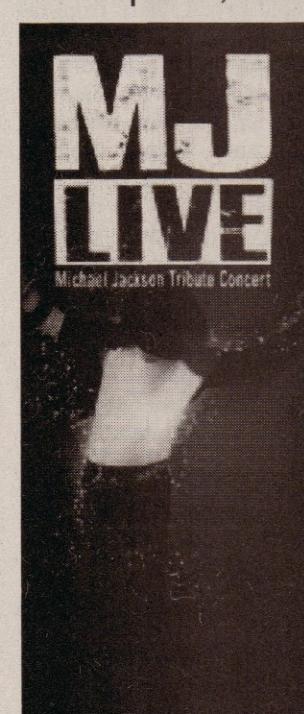
Franca looks like, sounds like, and dances like the great Michael Jackson. Franca changes from glitzy jackets to torn collar white T-shirts to deliver some of Jackson's famous songs.

The show is high-energy and gets the crowd involved. Hear favorites "Beat It", "The Girl Is Mine", "Billy Jean", "Thriller", "I Want You Back", "I'll Be There", "I Just Can't Stop Loving You", "The Man in the Mirror", "Bad", "Dangerous", and "Smooth Criminal".

The Gold Corporate Sponsor for this Coffee County Arts Alliance event is Enterprise Medical Clinic.

Tickets are available at these locations:

- David's Westgate Beauty Salon • Enterprise
- Redbrick Pizza (next to



Publix) • Enterprise

- The Framery • Enterprise
- Hair Haven • New Brockton
- Bradley's Florist and Gifts • Elba
- Wildflowers Florist & Gifts • Elba
- The Printing Press, Inc. • Troy
- MaFoosky's Deli • Daleville
- Harbin Jewelers • Ozark
- Tuxedo 101/Scrubs 101 (behind Atlanta Bread Co)
- Dothan
- MWR Central – Soldier Service Center • Ft Rucker

Individual ticket prices are as follows:

- Purchased in advance: \$25 for adults, \$20 for students
- Purchased the day of the event: \$30 for adults, \$23 for students

## Troy Bank and Trust hosts third annual Grad Night celebration

Graduating high school seniors are invited to kick off their graduation season with Troy Bank on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Cattlemen's Association Building, in Troy, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Grad Night is an event Troy Bank looks forward to every year. It is a time where graduating high school seniors are treated as honored guests and come together for one night to celebrate a very exciting milestone in their lives.

Lewis said he truly believes the country will "get it right." "Don't give up. Keep the faith. Keep your eyes on the prize and be hopeful and optimistic," he said. "Help our children. Help save our country. We don't need to go backwards. We need to go forward, and we need to go forward together."

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# CHURCH NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

**Reverend Dwight Johnson**  
First Assembly of God

### THE GREATEST LOVE

When people mention February, some think of cold weather. Others think of the month with the fewest days.

Those who are wise remember Valentine's Day. So, this week and next, we will look at applications of love.

Today, let's consider the greatest love - God's love.

We can think or talk about the love of God, but we cannot fully describe or even understand it. Ephesians 3:19 says that "it is too great to understand fully".

God loved the world (that's you and me) so much that he gave his one and only son for us. Jesus was God's ONLY son - the only one he had. Yet, God sent his son into a strange, hostile culture, knowing that Jesus would be hated, rejected, and even brutally murdered. He did so because that was our only hope of forgiveness, and he loved us that much!

Our response? You choose your own.

Each one of us must decide what to do with the incredible gift of God's love through Jesus. For those who repent of their sin and return that love by living a surrendered life to honor him, 1 John 3:1 has great meaning: "See how very much our father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!"

Pity, mercy, sacrifice, and adoption. From hopeless to fullness. From guilt to forgiveness, from sin to righteousness.

That is God's love - the greatest love!

### Black History Health and Wellness Seminar set for Feb. 17 in Enterprise

The Southeast District YWA Red Circles will host a Black History Health and Wellness Seminar on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Enterprise, Ala.

The program is free and open to the public. There will be blood pressure screenings by Troy University student nurses.

The program coordinator is Mary Riley (334) 477-3816.

Seminar coordinators are Delia Reynolds, RN (334-655-1246), and Barbara Richards, RN, MSN (205-292-2131) of Southeast District Health and Wellness.

### Harris Temple COGIC to celebrate "Heritage Sunday" on February 11

Everyone welcome to join Harris Temple COGIC in celebrating "Heritage Sunday" on Sunday, Feb. 11, at 11 a.m.

Those attending are encouraged to wear African Attire to celebrate this occasion. For more information see Evangelist Connie Banks.

### Reverend Ellison to be honored with special service

The 27th Pastoral Appreciation Service for Pastor William K. Ellison and Lady Sara Ellison will take place on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 3:30 p.m.

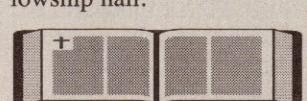
The service will be at Harris Temple COGIC, 747 Adams Avenue, Elba.

### Friendship Baptist, Samson, quarterly sing set for Feb. 24

Friendship Baptist Church, located at 3075 Coffee County Road 460, Samson, Ala., will host its Quarterly Sing on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 6 p.m.

Basin 4 Hm Quartet, a ministry of Basin Baptist Church, will be sharing its musical ministry and talents.

All are invited to attend and stay after the program for finger foods in the fellowship hall.



Special guest speaker will be Superintendent LoEarl Flowers, Greenville District, pastor of New Philadelphia (Elba) and Greenwood COGIC (Greenville).

For more information contact Deacon James and Missionary Sonya Wright, Chairpersons or Elder Michael and Evangelist Connie Banks (Assistant Chairpersons).

### Men & Women's Day program planned for Sunday, Feb. 11, at Oak Grove Baptist Church

Oak Grove Baptist Church, located at Danley Crossroads in Elba, will have a Men and Women's Day Program on Sunday, Feb. 11, at 2:30 p.m.

The theme is "Giving God Your All" and the sermon will be given by Rev. Vernon Hogans, pastor of Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Daleville, Ala.

Women are asked to wear white, if possible.

Everyone is invited to attend.



Friendship Baptist Church

Welcome To The Pastor's Appreciation Celebration for Pastor David Head to be held February 11, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Guest Minister: Pastor Ronald Owens, Pastor of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church

(Q) God told Moses to appoint one man from each tribe of Israel to search the land of Canaan

(A) This statement is true (read) Numbers 13th Chapter, 2nd V

Thought to Remember

"Seek First to Understand Then to be Understood" - Steven R. Covey

Question for the Week of 2-8-2018

Multiple Choice

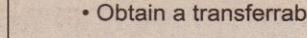
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(Love) (Sunshine)

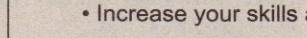
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Eria's Daughter, Sue



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COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Diane White, Pastor

Bible Study ..... 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship ..... 9:45 a.m.

Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night Real Deal

and Children's Activities) ..... 6:00 p.m.

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DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Dale Morgan, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ..... 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Elsie Phillips-Copes, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train ..... 5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship ..... 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PRECIOUS BLOOD

H. L. Burkner, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Night ..... 6:00 p.m.

Thur. Night ..... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ..... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Willie L. Peterson, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

1st & 3rd Sundays

NEW ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ..... 6:30 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Michael Lawler, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service ..... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ..... 6:30 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Shirlee Ellis, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.

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Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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**ELBA**

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"I'm not disappointed with our numbers," he said. "We were above 95 percent attendance at both schools last year."

He said the issue he sees with how absenteeism was calculated with the prototype report card is that every absence is counted against the school with this, including students off campus on a school-related field trip, excused sickness absences, etc.

Taking all that into account, he said chronic absenteeism affects the schools more than it used to with this report card.

Moseley also said the test used for the academic portions of the report card was the Aspire Test, which is no more now. He said schools now will use a new test for these evaluations for at least the next two years, which means more change.

He said that brings up a new question - "Where are you going to calculate from next year?"

Overall, however, Moseley said he is as pleased as he can be with this report card system being brand new. He said there are things that need to change, but he has full confidence that the state department of education will find the right scenario for this test to make it fit everyone.

"We are working together [the state and school systems] on this, and the state officials are going to come up with the right format for the schools and kids," Moseley said. "This does, however, give us [Elba] a starting point, especially with me coming in fresh as the superintendent at basically the same time this report card was released."

He said the most important thing to remember when looking at these report card numbers is, "one test does not define your school."

"We don't get credit for having an incredible band, a fantastic football team, a year and a half old show choir that is awesome," he said. "They do look some at technology with this, but we have so much more to offer that is not looked at that has to be taken into account."

Moseley said the Elba goal from here is simple - move the score up.

"I want to see our numbers move up, no matter how big or small," he said.

The breakdown of Elba's numbers on the prototype report card was as follows:

The Elba City School System overall score was an 80 for a B ranking.

The five accountability indicators used to attain this score were: Academic Achievement (20 percent), Academic Growth (30 percent), Graduation Rate (30 percent), College and Career Readiness (10 percent), and Chronic Absenteeism (10 percent). Elba was above the state average in three of those categories [graduation rate, college and career readiness, and chronic absenteeism] and was very close to being above on four [academic growth].

For academic achievement, the system scored 53.89 points for 10.78 out of 20 percent; for academic growth, the system scored 85.57 points for 25.67 out of 30 percent; for graduation rate, the system scored 95.40 points for 28.62 out of 30 percent; for college and career readiness, the system scored 68 points for 6.8 out of 10 percent; and for chronic absenteeism, the system scored 20.44 points for 2.04 out of 10 percent.

Elba Elementary School was only rated on three accountability indicators - academic achievement (40%), academic growth (50%), and chronic absenteeism (10%). The overall score for the elementary school was 73 for a C rating, but was above the state average in academic achievement and chronic absenteeism.

For academic achievement, the school scored 61.14 points for 24.46 out

of 40 percent; for academic growth, the school scored 81.25 points for 40.63 out of 50 percent; and for chronic absenteeism, the school scored 25 for 2.5 out of 10 percent.

Elba High School was rated on the same five accountability indicators as the system. The high school received an overall score of 80 for a B rating, and was above the state average for academic growth, graduation rate, and college and career readiness.

For academic achievement, the school received 46.56 points for 9.31 out of 20 percent; for academic growth, the school received 89.42 points for 26.83 out of 30 percent; for graduation rate, the school received 95.40 points for 28.62 out of 30 percent; for college and career readiness, the school received 68 points for 6.8 out of 10 percent; and for chronic absenteeism, the school received 15.66 points for 1.57 out of 10 percent.

Looking at the whole picture, Moseley again said he was pleased with Elba's numbers considering this was a prototype report card that no one knew what to expect. He said it showed that the school system is right there in same boat or better than most systems/schools in the area.

"We have dedicated school leaders in place now at the elementary and high schools that I have no doubt will work diligently to make sure we only move up from here," Moseley said. "Again, we are not defined by this one report, and we are pleased with where we are and the goals we have in front of us."

**Elba 10U Basketball hosts tourney this Saturday at Elba High School**

The Elba 10U Basketball Tournament will be held Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Elba High School gymnasium. The first game begins at 10 a.m. and will feature the Elba 10U team. Up to eight teams have been invited to participate in this tournament. Fans are invited to come out and support these youngsters!

**COUNTY**

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The overall system-wide grade for the Coffee County School System was 84 [B].

Academic achievement accounts for 20 percent of the score and the system received 64.27 points in this category; academic growth accounts for 30 percent of score and the system received 91.87 points in this category; graduation rate accounts for 30 percent of the score, and the system received 94.20 points in this category; college and career readiness accounts for 10 percent of the score, and the system received 77.00 points in this category; and chronic absenteeism accounts for 10 percent of the score and the system received 85 on the report card.

New Brockton Elementary scored 72.04 points for academic achievement; 95.28 points for academic growth; and 17.01 points for chronic absenteeism to reach the overall score of 85 on the report card.

New Brockton High School scored 47.74 points for academic achievement; 86.42 points for academic growth; 92.40 points for graduation rate; 71 points for college and career readiness; and 14.22 points for chronic absenteeism to reach the overall score of 79 on the report card.

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Zion Chapel scored at 64.91 points for academic achievement; 90.53 points for academic growth; 94.20 points for graduation rate; 81 points for college and career readiness; and 22.49 points for chronic absenteeism to reach the overall score of 84 on the report card.

Kinston scored 67.90 points for academic achievement; 95.62 points for academic growth; 98 points for graduation rate; 80 points for college and career readiness; and 18.13 points for chronic absenteeism to reach the overall score of 88 on the report card.

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# SPORTS

## Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

**Our baby girl Melanie turned 29 over the weekend and it is sometimes hard to believe that she has made it through high school and college and has now been a teacher/coach for five years at Carroll High School, in Ozark. She has excelled in just about everything she has ever attempted and makes me proud each and every day. She may be closing in on the big 3-0, but she will always be my baby girl.**

**For what it is worth....**

\*\*\* **The Elba Tigers** bounced back from an upset loss to Laurel Hill to claim a pair of wins over 3A opponents last week and will enter this week's area tournament filled with confidence and enthusiasm. The Tigers caught fire in the second half to pull away from Opp in a tough road battle, and then overcame a slow start against Straughn to rally and send the seniors out with a win. The Tigers haven't really been clicking on all cylinders in recent action, but have played a lot of games in a short amount of time, and should be ready to go by the time they tip it off in the area tourney.

\*\*\* **The Elba Lady Tigers** coasted past winless Opp early in the week and then shocked Straughn in their regular season finale to reach the 10-win plateau for the season. The Lady Tigers have improved almost every night out in recent weeks, as was evident in the win over Straughn, and may still have a couple of surprises left up their sleeves as they get ready for post-season play. Don't count this bunch out!

\*\*\* **The regular season came to a close** last week all across the state and teams in the area got in their final tune-ups for post-season play. In boys action, Brantley was upset in its finale to Wicksburg and may not be heading into the tourney brimming with confidence, while Kinston got past Zion Chapel and proved once again it is a team to keep an eye on, and New Brockton and Zion Chapel both continued their season long struggles. Over with the girls, Brantley kept on rolling and has a very good shot at winning its area tourney and being at home in sub-region action, while Kinston struggled due to a rash of injuries and both Zion Chapel and New Brockton continued their struggles. Regular season records mean nothing when the teams hit the tournament trail, and that gives hope to all the teams in the area.

\*\*\* **Rumors have it** that interviews for the vacant head football coaching position at Elba High are underway this week, and that a new coach could be named as early as late next week. Over 50 applications have reportedly been received for the post, and while names have not been officially mentioned, the names I have heard include some very talented men from all across the state. Get ready, it won't be long now.

\*\*\* **In closing....** The Coffee County Lake is back open from Wednesday through Sunday and that hopefully means that the cold weather is gone and it is time to clean out the tackle box and head to the lake.

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**On 'Senior Night'**

## Tigers slam dunk Straughn 48-40

The Elba Tigers spotted Straughn an early 10-2 advantage and then came roaring back to claim an exciting 48-40 win, to celebrate 'Senior Night' at the Elba High gym.

The Tigers scored only two points in the opening quarter and watched as Straughn slowly pulled out to a 10-2 advantage, but Elba began to heat up both behind the arc and in the paint in the second quarter as Richmon Singletary and Jay Jordan both nailed 3-pointers and Alex Wright muscled his way inside to score nine points as the Tigers pulled within 23-21 by the end of the half.

Singletary added four points in a slow-paced third quarter, but it was enough to help the Tigers close the deficit to 30-29, and in the final stanza the Elba offense came back to life as Wright dominated inside and scored 10 points to spark a rally that enabled the Tigers to pull out the 48-40 win.

Alex Wright scored 19 points and Richmon Singletary added 13 to lead Elba, while Justin Peeples scored 13 points to lead Straughn.

**Elba (48):** Craighead 2, Sams 2, Singletary 13, Tillis 2, J. Jordan 7, Wright 19, Hill 3.

**Straughn (40):** Rhudy 8, Peeples 13, Kelly 8, Hudson 5, Parker 2, Cleland 3.

**(JV Game)**

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and slowly pulled away to defeat Straughn 51-34, in Elba.

The Tigers scored 11 points in both the first and second quarters to open up a 22-13 lead at the half, then added 14 points in both the third and fourth quarters to pull away and post the impressive 51-34 win.

Logan Medlock scored 14 points and Isaiah Tyson added 10 to lead Elba, while Brooks scored 14 points to lead Straughn.

**Elba (51):** Moguel 3, Harrison 4, Prince 7, Sanders 8, Lane 2, Thomas 3, Tyson 10, Medlock 14.

**Straughn (34):** Guilford 5, Toney 4, Brooks 14, Livings 4, Cooper 5, Winsley 2.

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**Area Tournament**

**Class 2A, Area 4**

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At Georgiana High School,

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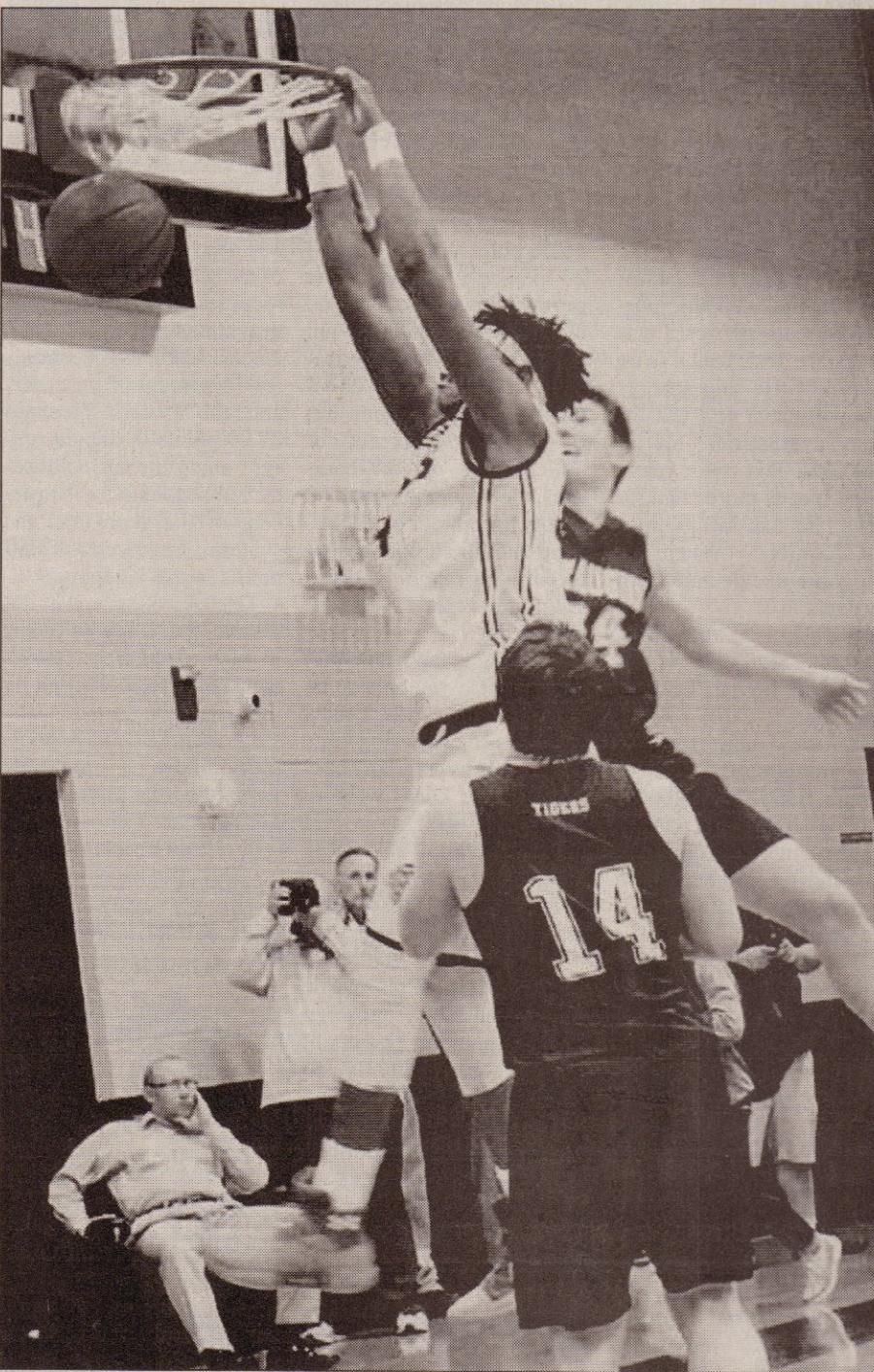
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**Sub-Regional Games**

Girls on Monday, Feb. 12

Boys on Tuesday, Feb. 13



**Elba Tiger Alex Wright** (in white) soars to slam home a two-pointer in last week's 48-40 win over Straughn. Wright scored 19 points to lead the Tigers to their 13th win of the season.

*(Photo by Roberta Gideon)*

## Elba Tigers drop Opp 56-41

The Elba Tigers traveled to Opp last Monday night to battle the Opp Bobcats and bounced back from their only loss of the new year to hammer the Bobcats 56-41 to improve their record to 12-6.

Following are highlights of the impressive road win:

**Elba (56):** Moguel 3, Harrison 4, Prince 7, Sanders 8, Lane 2, Thomas 3, Tyson 10, Medlock 14.

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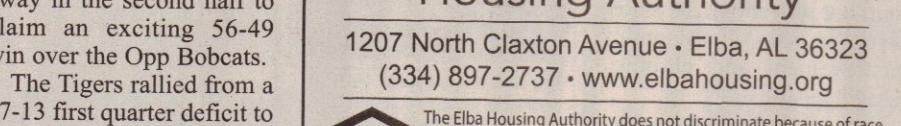
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**Elba Tiger JV Collin Harrison (3)** drives to the basket in recent basketball action.

*(Photo by Mike Capps)*

hand of Logan Medlock in the third quarter as he drained a trio of 3-pointers in the stanza to help Elba grab a 43-42 lead, and the Tigers connected on all seven of their free throw opportunities in the fourth quarter to hold on and claim the win.

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**Elba Tiger Vilee Sams** drained three long 3-pointers in the third quarter to lead the Tigers to a 56-41 win over Opp.

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# SPORTS

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## Elba Lady Tigers defeat Opp and Straughn

The Elba Lady Tigers continued their late-season surge last week as they posted wins over Opp 48-10 and Straughn 43-39 to close the book on the regular season with a 10-6 record.

Following are highlights of both wins:

### a 48 Opp 10

The Elba Lady Tigers rolled to a lopsided 34-3 halftime advantage and coasted in with an easy 48-10 win over the Opp Lady Bobcats, in Opp.

Elba's Breanna Sanders scored five points in the opening quarter to lead a total of seven Lady Tigers in the scorebook, while Laken Cooks scored four second quarter points as Elba opened up a whopping 34-3 halftime advantage. Sandra Lindsey scored six third quarter points to help the Lady Tigers extend their lead to 44-6, and the clock never stopped in the final stanza due to the lopsided score as the Elba reserves put the closing touches on the 48-10 road win.

Laken Cook scored 12 points and Freeda Hooks added 8 to lead Elba, while Sandra Lindsey and Breanna Sanders both added 7 points. Thompson led Opp with 6 points.

**Elba (48):** Cooks 12, Starks 4, N. Williams 2, M. Williams 2, Lindsey 7, Whitfield 5, Tyson 1, Sanders 7, Hooks 8.

**Opp (10):** N. Bell 3, Akins 1, Thompson 6.

### Elba 43 Straughn 39

Elba's Sandra Lindsey drained two long 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to spark a late rally as the Lady Tigers stunned Straughn 43-39, at the Elba High gym.

Straughn took charge early and opened up a 15-10 first quarter advantage despite the long range scoring of Elba's Laken Cooks and A'Maysia Whitfield, but Elba staged a mild rally in the second quarter to pull within 19-17 at the half, and matched Straughn basket-for-basket in the third quarter to trail only 28-26 heading into the fourth quarter. Sandra Lindsey connected twice from behind the arc in the final stanza to spark an exciting Lady Tiger rally, and despite hitting only 3 of 13 free throws in the stanza, the Lady Tigers held on to claim the big 43-39 win.

Laken Cooks scored 13 points and Sandra Lindsey added 11 to lead Elba, while Alyssa Dean led Straughn with 13 points.

**Elba (43):** Cooks 13, Starks 4, Lindsey 11, Whitfield 9, Sanders 6.

**Straughn (39):** Dean 13, Wood 6, Adams 7, Wilson 3, Brooks 2, Kelley 8.

**Elba Lady Tiger Laken Cooks** (in white) fires in a long 3-pointer in last week's 43-39 upset win over Straughn. (Photo by Roberta Gideon)

**Lady Bulldogs win in O.T.**

## Kinston Bulldogs run past Zion Chapel 53-37

The Kinston Bulldogs pulled ahead early and never looked back last week to end the regular season with a solid 53-37 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, in front of a big crowd at the Bulldog gym.

Kinston jumped out to an early 7-3 lead on a 3-pointer by Jacob Wood and extended its lead to 10-5 only seconds later on a 3-pointer by Bulldog teammate Brett Dorrill, only to watch the Rebels battle back and pull within 11-9 by the end of the stanza behind the play of Hunter Sheets.

Zion Chapel kept it close early in the second quarter and trailed only 13-10 after a free throw by Sheets, but the Rebels only scored four points for the remainder of the quarter and Kinston slowly pulled away and opened up an 18-11 lead in the half on a basket by Hunter Davis.

Kinston's Jacob Wood sparked an 8-0 Bulldog run to open the third quarter as the 'Dogs lead grew to 26-13, and while Zion Chapel did answer with a 6-0 run of its own behind the play of Joey McCrary, the Bulldogs regained command late and carried a 30-19 lead into the final stanza.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by the Rebels' Brock Cardwell and Christian Turner sparked a 3-

Chapel rally early in the fourth quarter that cut the Kinston lead to 31-27. However, Kinston's Hunter Davis and Jacob Wood combined to score the game's next six points to put the Bulldogs on top 37-27, and Kinston connected on 14 of 17 free throws in the final three minutes to remain in control as the Bulldogs claimed the 53-37 win.

Jacob Wood scored 20 points to lead Kinston, while Hunter Davis added 13 and Brett Dorrill scored 12. Joey McCrary scored 13 points to lead Zion Chapel.

**Kinston (53):** David 13, Dorrill 12, Hall 2, Wood 20, Arnett 2, Tindell 4.

**Z.C. (37):** Cardwell 4, Turner 6, Richburg 2, Dukes 3, Sheets 9, McCrary 13.

### Girls Varsity

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs capped off the regular season undefeated against county rivals as they escaped with a 27-24 overtime win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels, at Kinston.

Neither team was able to find its way to the basket in the opening quarter as the scoreboard read 0-0 heading into the second stanza. However, Kinston's Emilee Patterson and Kasady Cardwell both drained 3-



**Kinston Lady Bulldog Addison Musgrove (5)** dribbles upcourt in last week's 27-24 overtime win over Zion Chapel.

(Photo by Michael Smith)

pointers early in the second quarter to put the Lady Bulldogs on top 6-0, and despite a late Lady Rebel rally carried an 8-5 lead in at the half.

Zion Chapel continued its rally into the third quarter and pulled even at 11-11 late in the stanza after two free throws by Janna Miles, then grabbed a 14-12 lead early in the fourth quarter on a 3-pointer by Lexy Rugg. A basket by Janna Miles upped the lead to 17-14 midway through the stanza, but a 3-pointer by Kinston's Kasady Cardwell put the Lady Bulldogs back on top 19-17, and Kinston remained on top until late, when Zion Chapel's connected on two free throws to send the game into overtime tied at 22-22.

Kinston's Emilee Patterson connected on 2 of 4 free throw chances early.

### (JV Game)

**Z.C. (36):** Finger 10, Watson 2, Heap 7, Hutchinson 3, Anderson 7, Bragg 1, Kelley 5, Adair 1.

**Kinston (25):** Hawthorne 4, Crosby 2, Harrison 2, Wood 4, Bowdoin 12, Davis 1.

**Kinston (27):** Cardwell 6, Musgrove 3, Chamblee 2, Floyd 6, Patterson 9, Peters 1.

**Z.C. (24):** Rugg 3, Barker 1, Roberts 4, Miles 7, Johnson 9.

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**Kinston Bulldog Hunter Davis (1)** pulls down rebound. (Photo by Michael Smith)

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**Elba Lady Tiger Freeda Hooks (23)** drives past a Straughn defender in last week's big win. Hooks scored 8 points in an early week win over Opp.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

## High School BASKETBALL BRIEFS

### BOYS:

#### New Brockton Gamecocks caged by Raiders 55-29

The New Brockton Gamecocks were simply no match for Houston Academy as they lost to the Raiders 55-29. Billy McKenna scored 10 points and Caleb Hurley added 9 to lead the Gamecocks, while Srdjan Petrovic scored 12 points and Harrison Rudd added 10 for the Raiders.

#### Brantley Bulldogs roll past Kinston 67-52

The Brantley Bulldogs took command early and coasted in with a 67-52 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. Adrian Person scored 23 points to lead Brantley, while Tucker Kilcrease added 18 and Jake Kilcrease scored 14. Jacob Wood scored 16 points and Hunter Davis added 15 to lead Kinston.

#### New Brockton ambushed by Long Rebels 56-53

The New Brockton Gamecocks battled until the final horn in a 56-53 loss to the G.W. Long Rebels. Billy McKenna scored 27 points and Jy'Shon Nelson added 12 points to lead the Gamecocks, while the Rebels were led by Kobia Stringer with 13 points and Braxton Whitehead with 12.

#### Zion Chapel Rebels fall to Cottonwood 45-37

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled for all four quarters in a 45-37 loss to the Cottonwood Bears. Peyton Byrd scored 11 points to lead the Bears, while Kade Deese and Jordan Coachman both added 10 points.

#### Brantley Bulldogs upset by Wicksburg 56-47

The Brantley Bulldogs were upset by the Wicksburg Panthers 56-47 in their regular season finale. Jacob Taggart scored 12 points and Jayce Turvin added 10 to pace the Panthers.

#### New Brockton slapped by Slocomb 71-39

The New Brockton Gamecocks fell hard in their regular season finale as they lost to the Slocomb Red Tops 71-39. Jy'Shan Nelson scored 14 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Braydon Whitaker scored 22 points to lead Slocomb and John Stoneback added 15.

### GIRLS:

#### Brantley Lady Bulldogs rip McKenzie 82-27

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs poured in the points last week in a wild 82-27 romp over the McKenzie Lady Tigers. Gabby Perkins scored 21 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Brantley, which had six players score at least eight points in the lopsided win.

#### Brantley Lady Bulldogs defeat Kinston 57-31

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs continued their late-season surge with a 57-31 win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs. Gabby Perkins scored 12 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead Brantley, while Alexis Rostick added 10 points and Lainey Wells grabbed 10 rebounds.

#### Lady Gamecocks fall hard to Long 53-21

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks were no match as they fell to the G.W. Long Lady Rebels 53-21. Dasha Nelson and Jaidea Goshea both scored 5 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Mary Beth Long scored 25 points to lead the Lady Rebels.

#### Zion Chapel clawed by Lady Bears 39-11

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels got off to a slow start and never recovered in a 39-11 loss to Cottonwood. Regan Messer scored 12 points and Mackenzie Shelley added 9 to lead the Lady Bears.

#### Lady Gamecocks ripped by Slocomb 52-17

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks never got on track in a 52-17 loss to Slocomb. Makenna Gray scored 5 points to lead New Brockton, while Tori Clemens scored 12 points and Jessica Wright added 9 points.

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## New Brockton Council votes to pay off small bank loan with funds discovered and collected by RDS

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the monthly meeting Monday evening, Feb. 5, New Brockton Town Council members voted to pay-off a loan on mosquito spraying equipment after a good chunk of unexpected revenue came to the town.

Town Clerk Debbie Andrews explained to council members that RDS [Revenue Discovery Systems] made a deposit into the town's account of approximately \$47,000. This was monies RDS discovered were owed in taxes to the town from a construction company, in which RDS did an audit for several years back.

Andrews and Mayor Kathy Holley each said they had checked into this large deposit of funds after it appeared, and it was accurate. Holley said New Brockton was seemingly not the only community to benefit from this.

Therefore, Andrews asked for approval to pay-

off a loan in the amount of \$6,100.11 that was for the mosquito spraying equipment for the town. She said in paying this smaller loan off, it would allow her to double up some on the car loans the town also is paying back and get those paid off earlier too.

Council members voted unanimously to pay off the \$6,100.11 loan.

Upon the recommendation of the mayor, council members voted to give two employees a raise.

The first was an employee with the street department who has completed his first 90 days of employment with the town. The mayor recommended a 25 cents per hour raise for this employee, and council members approved it.

The mayor also recommended a \$1 per hour raise for the town clerk, effective the next pay period. This too was approved with no opposition.

Presenting the monthly financial report for the town, Andrews noted at the end of January, the town's general fund had a balance of \$151,103.93. She also said the total operating funds for all accounts was \$268,565.30.

The town's income for the month of January was \$98,556.75.

Andrews estimated the regular monthly bills for February to be \$12,157.19, and council members voted to approve payment of these bills.

Mayor Holley noted the town offices would be closed Monday, Feb. 19, in observance of Presidents Day. The council will hold its work session for the month on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m.

Also, it was noted the town's beautification com-

mittee is planning a BBQ fundraiser for April 14th. The mayor said more information would be provided as details are finalized for this event.

The next New Brockton Town Council meeting is set for Monday, March 5, at 6 p.m.

## Sales Tax Holiday for severe weather preparedness set for Feb. 23rd-25th

Alabama's seventh annual Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday will be held Friday, Feb. 23, through Sunday, Feb. 25.

Alabamians are encouraged to stock up on a variety of supplies for protecting their homes or businesses during Alabama's tornado and hurricane seasons.

A provision in the Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday law allows counties and municipalities to join the state by removing their own local sales and use taxes from the same items during the same weekend (Reference: Act 2012-256).

ADOR has compiled a list of all cities and counties participating in the 2018 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday. The city and county listing is available at [https://revenue.alabama.gov/v/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/SWHTaxHoliday\\_2018.pdf](https://revenue.alabama.gov/v/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/SWHTaxHoliday_2018.pdf).

The following list contains examples of items covered under the Severe Weather Preparedness holiday. Items that have a sales price of \$60 or less per item:

- Batteries: AAA-cell batteries, AA-cell batteries, C-cell batteries, D-cell batteries, 6-volt batteries, 9-volt batteries. (NOTE: coin batteries, non-electric food storage cooler or water storage container)
- Non-electric can opener
- Artificial ice, blue ice, ice packs, reusable ice
- Self-contained first aid kit
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